(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any kind of applications from the private companies in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are formulating any plan to ensure participation of educated unemployed in opening retain hub of this kind; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) It has been decided to explore the feasibility of attracting additional transport volumes by leveraging surplus railway land through partership with agri-retail chain using spare-able land at suitable locations. Agri Retail Chain operators have expressed/desired to participate in it.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Railway Workshops

2869. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway workshops in the country on date, zone-wise;

(b) the funds allotted and spent on modernization/expansion of Railway workshops during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether some of the Railway works are on verge of closure;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways for its revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) List of Railway workshops (Mechanical Department)

Sl. No.	Railway	Name of Workshop
1	2	3
1.	Central	Kurdwadi
2.		Matunga
3.		Parel
4.	Eastern	Jamalpur
5.		Kanchrapara
6.		Lilluah
7.	East Central	Samastipur
8.	East Coast	Mancheswar
9.	Northern	Alambagh
10.		Amritsar
11.		Charbagh
12.		Jagadhari
13.		Kalka
14.	North Central	Jhansi
15.		Rail Spring Karkhana/Sithauli
16.	North Eastern	Gorakhpur
17.		Izatnagar
18.	Northeast Frontier	Dibrugarh
19.		Lumding
20.		New Bongaigaon
21.		Tindharia
22.	North Western	Ajmer (Carriage)
23.		Ajmer (Loco)
24.		Bikaner

1	2	3
25.		Jodhpur
26.	Southern	Golden Rock
27.		Perambur (Carriage and Wagons)
28.		Perambur (Loco)
29.	South Central	Lallaguda
30.		Tirupati
31.		Guntapalli
32.	South Eastern	Kharagpur
33.	Southeast Central	Raipur
34.		Nagpur
35.	South western	Hubli
36.		Mysore
37.	Western	Bhavnagar
38.		Dahod
39.		Junagarh
40.		Parel
41.		Mahalaxmi
42.		Pratapnagar
43.	West Central	Bhopal
44.		Kota
List of Railway Workshops (Signal Department)		
45.	Central	Byculla
46.	Eastern	Howrah
47.	Northern	Ghaziabad
48.	North Eastern	Gorakhpur
49.	North Western	Ajmer
50.	Northeast Frontier	Pandu

1	2	3
51.	Southern	Podanur
52.	South Central	Mettuguda
53.	South Eastern	Kharagpur
54.	Western	Sabarmati
List of Railway Workshops (Engineering Department)		
55.	Central	Manmad
56.	East Central	Mughalsarai
57.	Northern	Jalandhar
58.		Lucknow
59.	North Eastern	Gorakhpur
60.	Northeast Frontier	Bongaigaon
61.	Southern	Arakkonam
62.	South Central	Lallaguda
63.	South Eastern	Sini
64.	Western	Sabarmati
List of Railway Workshops (Electrical Department)		
65.	Central	Bhusawal
66.		Nasik Road

(b)

Year	Funds Allotted	Funds Spent
2005-06	74.29	47.54
2006-07	84.41	11.68#
2007-08	109.35*	-

Figures are in crores of Rupees.
approximately upto Sept. 06.
*Amount proposed in Railway Budget 2007-08

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Jammu-Srinagar Rail Line

2870. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of Jammu-Srinagar rail line; and

(b) how much time it would take to complete this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Jammu-Udhampur project has already been commissioned. Work is in progress on Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla project where overall progress is about 45%. On this project Kakapore-Budgam has been completed and Udhampur-Katra and balance on Qazigund-Baramulla are targeted for completion during 2007-08. Target for Katra-Qazigund section is under review in view of different geological conditions, adverse working conditions, forestry clearances and construction of bridges/tunnels involved.

Operation of container trains by Private Companies

†2971. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to entrust the operation of container trains to the private companies;

(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the private companies which have shown interest therein and applied therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.